

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11 with:

In such a control, a so-called lead steering, in which a vehicle reaction delay or a reaction delay of a driver is compensated by causing the response performance of a front wheel angle with respect to a ~~handle~~ steering wheel input, to implement a first order lead, is a well-known control.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21 with:

~~Also in~~ In the steer-by-wire (SBW) mechanism, or ~~also in a general~~ mechanically linked steering mechanism, ~~to enable a driver to~~ should feel a steering reaction force torque caused by a road reaction force torque ~~has an important role~~ to improve a steering feeling. However, in the foregoing lead steering control state, when a force proportional to the road surface reaction force torque is simply returned as the steering reaction force torque to the ~~handle~~ steering wheel, a ~~so-called~~ state interfering with ~~a~~ the driver occurs due to the variation, or the like, of the torque. To interfere with a driver means, for example, a state in which the driver, having felt a torque, adds still another correction steering action, and smooth steering is not performed.